



**Department of Veterans Affairs  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Voluntary Services 9-135  
3601 S. Sixth Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85723**

**VAVS COMMITTEE PATIENT NEEDS LIST**

The following have been identified, as items/projects needed to enhance veteran patient care at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS.) Please contact Voluntary Service at (520) 629-1822 prior to making a decision, to discuss specific details and to assure items have not already been donated. Thank you for your generosity.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

- Geriatric rehabilitation therapy pool
- Family fund – Lodging assistance provided to family members of hospitalized veterans from out of town.
- Disabled veterans sports competitions and events – funds to send wheelchair bound veterans patients to national va sports competitions.
- Avenue of flags for new ambulatory care addition (cotton internment flags)
- Military service flags for pow/mia recognition park
- Sponsorship of patient recreation activities
- Acute care patients activity aprons – patterns available from volunteer office
- Direct tv account - \$7790.00/month – funds used to provide tv for hospitalized patients rooms
- Tai chi exercise classes for rehab patients - \$75.00 per week
- Comfort (toiletry) items - \$350.00 per month
- Veterans creative arts program – funds for awards program, airfare to send veteran medal winners to competition.
- Veterans commemorative plaza – veteran brick, minimum donation \$50.00
- Weekly newspaper delivery for patients - \$30.00 for one day
- Social work emergency fund
- Home based primary care patients
- Homeless veteran program
- Hospice fish tank - service for cleaning fish tanks - \$50.00/month

**COMFORT ITEMS**

Dry Skin Cream

Shaving Cream

Hand Soap

Underwear (men and women (all sizes)

Socks (white)

Toothpaste

Disposable Razors

Shaving Cream/small

**COMFORT ITEMS**

Ball Caps (for summer)

Slipper Socks

Hand Lotion

Roll on/Spray Deodorant

Toothbrushes

Talcum Powder

Ladies hand and body lotion

Comb/Brushes

Wool Caps (winter)

Tote Bags

Backpacks  
Denture Grip  
Denture Cleaner  
Baby Shampoo  
Catheter bag covers

Pocket Size Needle and Thread Kit  
Lap Robes (3x5 or 5x7)  
Nail Clippers  
Heart pillows for cardiac patients

### **GUEST SERVICES**

30 cup coffee makers  
Coffee (reg. & decaf) Sugar, Creamer,  
Stirrers  
Cake mixes, snacks  
Prepaid Phone Cards for patients'  
Welcome Kits (Toiletry Items)  
Stamps

Newspaper Delivery for patients  
Silk flower arrangements  
Writing Paper and Envelopes  
Dietetic drink mixes  
Plastic vases for flowers at bedside  
Get well cards

### **GERIATRIC REHABILITATION AND EXTENDED CARE**

TVs for patient rooms  
Slipper socks with skids  
Patient garden

Geriatric rehab swing  
Exercise classes

### **RECREATION**

Puzzle books  
Pencils  
VCR Player  
Large Screen TV  
Sports equipment (basketball, tennis rackets & balls, badminton set, Frisbees, football)

Crossword Puzzles  
Video tapes & DVDs(movies, educational)  
DVD Player  
Tickets for entertainment & sporting events

### **MONETARY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME FOR GENERAL POST FUNDS:**

Home Based Primary Care (6675)  
Direct TV (6670)  
Homeless Veterans program (6676)  
Therapy Rehab Pool (6696)  
Canteen Books (6671)  
Coffee (6673)  
Veterans Creative Arts Program (6695)  
POW/MIA Recognition Park (6680)  
Veteran Family Fund (6659)

Hospice (6677)  
Recreation (6663)  
TV Account (6689)  
Disabled Veterans Sport Clinics (6688)  
Social Service (6683)  
Substance Abuse Treatment Program (6687)  
Comfort Items (6674)  
General Purpose (6666)

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